



F.A. CUP FIRST ROUND

Wycombe W. v Bournemouth

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WANDERERS CAN HIT GLORY TRAIL



With one exception this is Wycombe Wanderers likely team that will be trying to achieve a giant-killing feat by knocking Bournemouth out of the F.A. Cup. The one likely change is goalkeeper Gary Lester, now recovered from influenza, for Chris

Way. Back row (from l. to r.): Mike Keen (manager), George Borg, Steve Long, Bob Dell, Chris Way, Gary Toll, Paul Birdseye, Steve Hardwick, John Clinkard (physio). Front row: Mick Holifield, Jimmy Jacobs, Terry Glynn, Bobby Davies, Tony Price.

Cup news in brief

WYCOMBE Wanderers will once again feature on the nation's television screens. BBC television news are bringing down a couple of cameras to cover the match for their evening broadcasts.

But Wanderers, who appeared on ITV's 'Big Match' six years ago when they played Middlesex, will not be seen on 'Match of the Day'. The coverage will be confined to BBC's evening news broadcasts, with the main chunk on BBC 2 news and sports programme, around 7p.m.

PATIENTS in Wycombe and Amersham Hospitals will not have to miss the big cup tie. Wycombe Hospital Radio will be presenting live commentary on the whole match.

The special programme begins at 2p.m. in order to sample something of the atmosphere in the build-up to the game. Patients can hear the broadcast and other programmes put out by the station, by turning to Channels One or Five on their handset.

THE big match referee is Mr Vic Callow from Solihull in the Midlands. Mr Callow, who has been on the Football League list for a couple of seasons is regarded as one of the top up-and-coming officials in the country.

SHOULD the match end in a draw, the replay will be held at Dean Court on Tuesday, kick-off 7.30p.m.

ONE man who could look distinctly shaggy if Wycombe have a prolonged F.A. Cup run is central defender Bobby Davies. He is doing a 'Bjorn Borg' and will not shave until Blues are knocked out.

Davies, a schoolmaster, explained the reasons behind his hair-raising efforts: "I never normally shave during the half-term holiday and at the end of that week we meet Worcester in the fourth qualifying round. I vowed then not to shave it off until we were knocked out," he said.

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Glynn the key in close encounter!

MICHAEL KNOX previews the Big Match

WYCOMBE Wanderers can recapture their FA Cup glory days of the mid-1970s when they met the Football League stars of Bournemouth in a first round tie at Loakes Park tomorrow (Saturday).

A home victory, which cannot be ruled out, would revive memories of two giant-killing acts in the last decade.

One of the sides to take a shock defeat at the hands of Wycombe's wonders were Bournemouth in 1974. Their experienced manager Alec Stock is taking no chances of a repeat this time and has already said he expects a tough match.

The pressure is all on his team of youngsters, who are battling away in the lower reaches of the Fourth Division. Defeat tomorrow would be a tragic blow.

Advantage Wycombe, on the other hand, have nothing to lose. Victory or even a draw would give them national headlines, while defeat would be no disgrace. So Wanderers already have one priceless advantage.

Another, is their current home form. They are unbeaten in their past 14 league and cup matches at Loakes Park, whose sloping pitch has already got the men from the South Coast in a worried frame of mind.

On Monday, Mr Stock took his players to visit his old stamping ground at Yeovil, whose sloping pitch resembles Wycombe's.

But because of the weekend's rain the players could only stand and stare, strike a ball on the pitch, the club felt it had been a useful exercise to see what a sloping pitch looked like!

But against Wanderers he is certain to return to the defence, as regular defender Paul Compton is cup-tied. It will be part of a 4-4-2 formation which the Cherries feel is their most successful policy.

He came on as substitute for Leytonstone and Ilford in the first league game of the term, when the visitors triumphed 2-0. That could be a good omen for Bournemouth.

Since then Wanderers have looked virtually unbeatable at home with ten victories and four draws. They, like their opponents, have no injury worries now that goalkeeper Gary Lester has recovered from influenza.

Omen

An intriguing and closely fought match seems certain and the winner will be the side that makes the most of its chances.

In Terry Glynn Wycombe have a possible match-winner — that's what Mike Keen did not want to risk him against Aylesbury on Tuesday night. But for his late goal at Worcester, of course, they would be already out of the competition.

A betting man would probably go for a draw, with Bournemouth winning the replay. But Mike Keen, for whom this match is a return to the big-time, feels fairly confident.

"We should be able to win," he said this week. "I hope there will be big crowd to cheer our lads on. A victory for us would be a big boost for the town."

League tables

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Chance of a lifetime for Wanderers in Third Round



VITAL SAVE

Wanderers' goalkeeper, Keith Turner, made a vital save to keep Wycombe out of the lead in the third round of the F.A. Cup.

SO CLOSE, WYCOMBE

Charlton's superb saves earn Bournemouth second chance



By STUART EARP. Wycombe Wanderers 0, A.F.C. Bournemouth 0.

It was a dramatic and tense encounter at the end of a long day at the ground. The match was a draw, but the Bournemouth manager, Brian Lee, was confident that his team would be able to secure a second chance in the third round of the F.A. Cup.

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Flashback 1974. How the Free Press covered the epic games of six years ago, which must still send a shiver down a Wycombe fan's spine. Above the goalless draw at Loakes Park and below the history making victory in the replay.

Recent history suggests a Bues victory

Will it be a repeat of the 1974 epic?

If recent history is any guide then Wycombe Wanderers have already won their match against Bournemouth before the teams go to the field.

In three meetings between the clubs, Wycombe have never finished on the losing side — winning twice and drawing the other. The Cherries were hoping to put that right tomorrow.

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scored both their goals. It wasn't long before that highly talented player was on his way to Chelsea, but what an impression Swain made while at Loakes Park.

Another player clearly to have made his mark was skipper John Delaney at the heart of Wycombe's defence. John Bond was so impressed that later he offered professional terms which John accepted.

Wycombe officials could not believe their luck 18 months later when the F.A. Cup second round draw brought together Wycombe and A.F.C. Bournemouth.

It was then that the first match hero Charlton had to be replaced between the posts by John Wingate, a forward with little experience of goal-keeping. This sight boosted Wycombe, but Wingate coped well and made two saves that could not have been bettered by Charlton, who had suffered a shoulder injury in the first half.

He had no chance with either of the goals that came in a three minute spell midway through the second half.

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Wycombe Cup still since 1973.

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WYCOMBE GLORY!

Wanderers in Round 3 for first time ever



Wycombe's F.A. Cup heroes



Flashback 1977. Bournemouth coach Dave Webb's last appearance at Loakes Park. He was playing in a pre-season friendly for Queens Park Rangers.

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MIKE KEEN JR. ... all right on the day.

Wanderers — by the odd goal, say the fans

There seems little doubt in the minds of the Blues fans who is going to win — Wycombe.

They are also agreed that only one goal will separate the teams. The fans were confident before Saturday's league match with Barking that between them, Terry Glynn and Tony Price would be able to break down the Bournemouth defence.

But at the same time they were wary of the likely speed of the Fourth Division side. For that reason they seemed to think Gary Toll, who has been a bit slow off the mark this season, should be left out of the side with Paul Miles being drafted onto the substitute's bench.

Steve Brooker, of Hithercroft Road, High Wycombe, had few doubts when asked who would be going into the hat for the second round draw. "It's obvious isn't it. It's got to be Wycombe."

"If they keep running I think they've got a 60-40 chance of winning. I'll be disappointed if they don't do well. If Wycombe score in the first 20 minutes there could be a lot of goals!"

Steve first saw Wycombe play when he was four, and recalls the Amateur Cup semi-final in 1956/57 season as the best match in which he has seen Wycombe involved. He pins the hopes of his 2-1 or 3-2 prediction.

MIKE ALLEN meets the men on the terraces

ton of a Blues victory on three players, Glynn, Price and Jimmy Jacobs.

His dad, Ted, is one of the many fans to have stayed away from Loakes Park in recent years. But their attractive style and fixture against Bournemouth has tempted him back to the terraces.

However, Ted, who travelled "home and away" with the team until six years ago, would not commit himself to a prediction.

Goalless

Another father and son team watching the match will be Trevor and Keith Turner, of Dorney and Cookham respectively. Trevor believes "Wycombe stand a good chance" but reckons the first 90 minutes will end up goalless.

However, his son was certain Wycombe would win with the only goal of the match, coming from Glynn or Price.

The pair agreed that Wycombe would have to watch out for the pace of the Bournemouth players, but Keith at least is confident the side can repeat their 1974 performance by beating the Fourth Division side, but go one better and do it in the first 90 minutes.

Steve Collimore of Studley Green had no doubt about the result. "Well, Terry Glynn should knock a few in and Price is playing well at the moment."

Steve, aged 14, is a pupil at John Hampden School and has plans to ship over a dozen friends down Marlow Hill to the 'big game'.

Following his enthusiastic first statement Steve became a bit more conservative in his estimates and settled for a Wycombe victory by 2-1 or 1-0, but stuck by Glynn as the one to see Wycombe into the next round.

But we will leave the final word to manager Mike Keen's son, Mike Junior. He did not seem too committed on his old man's chances of steering Wycombe into the next round at first, but after a little persuasion settled for a draw, and after further thought said 2-1 to the Blues.

Mike said his father was looking forward to facing his former manager, Alec Stock, and hoped everything went right on the day.



Flashback 1974. John Delaney, made captain for a day, leads the Bournemouth team at Loakes Park for the second round tie.

Cup glories of the past

WYCOMBE Wanderers proudly boast one of the best non-league teams in the F.A. Cup over recent years. This is the eighth year in succession that they have reached the first round proper.

In four successive seasons between 1973-77, Blues always reached the second round proper, while in 1974-75 they made the first round for the first time in their history.

The last time they failed to make the big time was way back in 1972-73 when they went out to Walton & Hersham 1-0 in the third qualifying round.

Since that match Wanderers have played 30 F.A. Cup ties, winning 17, drawing 6 and losing 7 (4 of them to Football League teams). In the process they have scored 52 goals and conceded 28.

Scalp

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SPOTLIGHT ON THE PLAYERS

Wycombe Wanderers



GARY LESTER (goalkeeper). Aged 25; 6ft 2in.; 12st 10lb. The tallest member of the side, Lester joined Wycombe almost exactly a year ago, after spending seven years with local Athenian League club Chalfont St Peter. Since then has established himself as the number one 'keeper, thanks to a series of outstanding performances. Particularly strong with reaction saves, he has stopped several penalties this season. Unmarried, he lives in Seer Green and a printer by trade.



GEORGE BORG (left-back). Aged 22; 5ft 8in.; 11st 7lb. Signed on a club record fee of £2,000 from Dulwich Hamlet in March, George has quickly become one of the most popular players with the Lookers Park crowd. His boyish enthusiasm and quick tongue have got him into trouble with referees, but his aggressive, attacking game has added an extra dimension to the side. In the absence of Howard Kennedy, he has become the regular penalty taker. Played in the Football League with Millwall, and has also represented the Isthmian League. Married, he lives in East London, where he runs his own painting and decorating business.



STEVE HARDWICK (central defender). Aged 25; 5ft 11in.; 11st 7lb. A stylish player, in his third season with the club after signing from the powerful Northern side Altrincham. Played for British Students, and British Universities while at Lancaster Univ. Unmarried, he lives in West Ealing and is a buyer for a construction company.

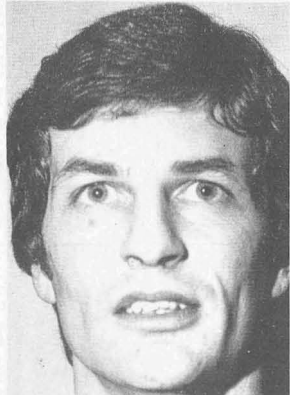


STEVE LONG (forward). Aged 25; 5ft 10in.; 11st. Yet another British Universities player, Steve joined Wycombe in the 1977-78 season; after a spell with Burton Albion. He has been a revelation this season with some brilliant performances, while being a consistent scorer. Married last year, he lives in Harrow where he is a teacher.

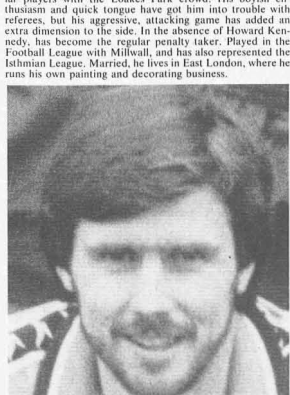


JIM JACOBS (midfield). Aged 19; 5ft 4in.; 10st 6lb. The youngest and smallest member of the team, Jim is a bustling creative midfielder player, with a knack of scoring crucial goals. Started his senior career at Amersham Town, when 15 and has since played for Chertsey and Northampton, where he came under Mike Keen. Played in the Slough schools side that played Liverpool in the English Schools trophy final, and represented Berks and Bucks Under 18s. Unmarried, he is a storekeeper in Langley, or Slough, where he lives.

TONY PRICE (forward). Aged 24; 5ft 9in.; 11st 4lb. Exciting and skilful winger, who first joined Wycombe in 1973 but has played spasmodically since then. A former Oxford University Blue, he has also played for Cheltenham and Leicester City Res. Represented England amateur under 18s. Has fought his way back into the side following a short visit to France, by adding commitment to his natural skills. Unmarried, he is an out of work teacher.



PAUL BIRDSEYE (right-back). Aged 30; 6ft; 11st 12lb. Club captain for the past year, he has been one of the most consistent defenders in the Isthmian League, since joining Wycombe in 1971. Has represented UAL, British Colleges and the Isthmian League. A fitness fanatic, who could have turned pro had he so wished, Paul's main ambition is to play in a Wembley final. Played in the side that beat Bournemouth and met Middlesbrough six years ago. Married with two children, he lives in Marlow where is a partner in an estate agents firm.



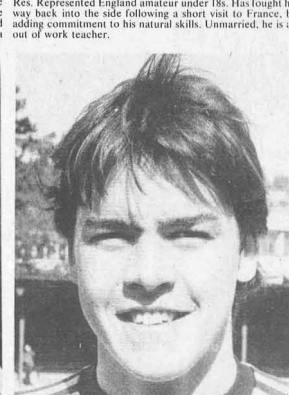
BOBBY DAVIES (central defender). Aged 27; 5ft 9in.; 11st 10lb. First joined Wycombe in 1976 and played regularly at left-back until last season, when he took a complete break for a year. Has returned refreshed and played consistently well at the back. It was his goal that earned the replay victory over Worcester in the previous round. Formerly played for Carnegie College and Burnley and captained the British Students in World Student games in 1975. Married with a first child expected next month, he lives in Aylesbury and is a PE teacher at Breachwood School, Downley.



MICK HOLIFIELD (midfield). Aged 32; 5ft 9in.; 11st 11lb. Longest serving member of the side, having joined from Oxford City in 1971. A left-sided midfielder player, who enjoys coming forward, he has been part of all Wycombe's successes over the past decade, including the Bournemouth and Middlesbrough matches six years ago. In the early 1970s was a member of the England Amateur squad but never played. Unmarried, he lives in Oxford, and is a surveyor in Thame.



BOB DELL (midfield). Aged 21; 5ft 10in.; 11st. Has made progress since joining from Wycombe League side Prestwood towards the end of last season. A naturally left footed player, adept at making accurate first time passes and strong tackles. A talented all round sportsman who plays cricket for both Bucks and High Wycombe. Nicknamed 'Joe' because of his physical likeness to former pop singer Joe Brown. Unmarried, he is a carpenter with the family firm in Lacey Green, where he lives.



TERRY GLYNN (forward). Aged 21; 5ft 10in.; 12st 12lb. Signed this season from Enfield for £750. Terry has proved a bargain boy with his goalscoring ability. The leading scorer, he has also made goals for others with unselfish running. Made Football League debut for Orient when just 18, but played only one other match before going on loan to Brentford. Since then has played for Ilford and Enfield, married with a 4-year-old son, he is a telephone engineer in the City of London.

GARY TOLL (forward). Aged 21. Joined towards the end of last season from Flackwell Heath and enjoyed a high measure of success. Has struggled to regain his touch this season, although working hard. Unmarried, he is a roofer who lives in Flackwell Heath.

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KENNY ALLEN, goalkeeper, is one of the biggest players in the Football League, standing 6ft 5in. tall and weighing 14 stone. He made his League debut as a 17-year-old amateur, with Hartlepool in 1969-70, totalling seven appearances with the club, then waited nine seasons until his next spell of league action — with AFC Bournemouth. He joined them from Bath City and was an ever-present in the Fourth Division side in 1978-79.



IAN CUNNINGHAM, right-back, is a Glaswegian who was found and developed by Bournemouth, joining the club from school in 1972. He was captain of the youth side and gained a number of Scotland youth international caps, made his League debut in December 1974 but it is during the last three seasons that he has established himself as a regular choice at right-back.



JOHN MOORE, left-back, is also a former international — at schoolboy level, for Wales. On leaving school in Cardiff he joined Bristol Rovers as an apprentice. A £20,000 fee took him to Millwall six years ago and he made over 100 League appearances for the London club before signing for Bournemouth in June last year. Currently on the transfer list.

JOHN IMPEY, central defender, took over the captaincy of Bournemouth this season, and has been an automatic choice since 1976-77 season. He won England schoolboy and youth international honours, and made his League debut with his first club Cardiff City in December 1972. In the summer of 1979 he had a spell with the Seattle Sounders in the North American Soccer League.

DAVID WEBB, central defender, was appointed the club's player-coach just before the start of the season; already he had well over 500 League games to his credit in a remarkable career. It started with Orient in 1964-65, then took him to Southampton, Chelsea, Queen's Park Rangers, Leicester City and Derby County. He has played nine games for Bournemouth but is now concentrating more on his coaching duties.

NIGEL SPACKMAN, midfielder, is a 19-year-old having his first taste of senior soccer this season after signing as a full-time professional this summer, on completing his college course. He impressed last season while playing for the reserves; has captained Hampshire youth team, and played with Southern League sides Basingstoke and Andover.



MARTIN MCGRATH, midfielder, has played for England Schoolboys — and scored a goal at Wembley. He joined Southampton as an apprentice, graduating to a regular place in their reserve side in the Football Combination. But when he joined Bournemouth this season his League experience was just four minutes — as substitute for the Saints.



TOM JEFFERSON, midfielder, did not find it easy to hold down a regular place in the side last season, his first after signing from Tottenham, where he captained the side which won the Football Combination championship. Now the former Don Laogharie Celtic amateur is a regular in the midfield section.



JOHN EVANSON, midfielder, was once a £60,000 player — when he left Oxford United to sign for Blackpool in 1974. It was in 1976 that he moved on again, to sign for Alex Stock at Fulham. He was again signed £20,000 for a player who has now made well over 300 League appearances.

PHIL FERNS, who had 43 league and cup games for AFC last season — most of them at left-back — has recently been switched to a midfield role. The 19-year-old has attracted the attention of bigger clubs, including Manchester United. He was signed from Bournemouth's near neighbours Poole Town, the Southern League club.



TREVOR MORGAN, striker, was scoring regularly for Leytonstone and Ilford in the Isthmian League before Bournemouth spotted him — and paid a £3,000 fee to bring him into full-time football. A six-footer, Morgan has given the Bournemouth attack greater power in the air. Made his League debut at Bradford City in September.

STEVIE MASSEY, striker, having his best season as a goalscorer and he took his total to 10 when he scored in the 3-0 win against Wigan on November 1. It was in February 1975 that he made his League debut, as a 16-year-old apprentice with Stockport County, later establishing a place in the side before his £5,000 transfer to Bournemouth in 1978.



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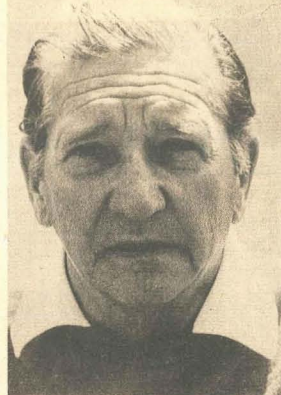
FRIENDS AND RIVALS



A moment to savour. Alec Stock, giving his lips a nervous lick, leads out Queens Park Rangers in the 1967 League Cup final, closely followed by his loyal captain Mike Keen. Which one will be on the winning side on Saturday?



MIKE KEEN . . . an inspiration leader says Stock.



ALEC STOCK . . . he was firm but fair says Keen.

Old pals meet in romantic cup-tie

TWO men who formed a uniquely successful football partnership which lasted for 12 years, will forget their friendship and become deadly rivals at Loakes Park tomorrow (Saturday).

Alec Stock and Mike Keen were closely associated at Queens Park Rangers and Luton in the 1960s and early 1970s, being manager and captain respectively. Now the romance of the F.A. Cup has pitted their present sides Bournemouth and Wycombe together in the first round.

During their time together they earned each other's great respect. But all will be forgotten while the match is in progress. Stock, the 63 year old Bournemouth boss says determinedly, "I'm going to try and give Wycombe a good hiding."

Deep respect

Keen has similar feelings about the visitors. "I'll be honest, I really want to beat them. Not just because of Alec Stock but I also feel it would do my club a lot of good."

But behind those remarks lies a deep respect for the other's football knowledge. Stock, himself knows a thing or two about giantkilling, having captained non-league Yeovil Town when they reached the last 16 of the F.A. Cup in 1948/49. So his team will know what to expect.

After making his name with Yeovil, he had spells with Orient (manager) and Arsenal before taking over as Q.P.R. manager in the late 1950s.

Keen went to Loftus Road in 1958 and within five years had been made captain at the age of 22. The club had a very young side then and Stock learned to depend on his captain.

"Mike was my skipper through thick and thin. He was superb, he had this quality of being totally reliable. We won three promotions and a League Cup and you expect a few snacks. But he was always there."

Mr Stock's comments are

MICHAEL KNOX talks to both managers

borne out by the facts. During the mid-sixties Keen played 285 consecutive matches (nearly five seasons). It is a club record that still stands.

Triumph

Keen says modestly, "he will probably say there was a stage when he could have dropped me."

This is a comment that Stock firmly rejects.

"I never crossed my mind to drop him even if he was playing badly—and that was very rare. The team wouldn't have been the same without him."

Their greatest triumph of course, came in 1966-67 when Q.P.R., then a Third Division club, shocked the sporting world by winning the Football League Cup in the first Wembley final.

However, this result seemed most unlikely at half time when they were trailing West Bromwich Albion 0-2. Both remember the half-time dressing room scene as though it were yesterday.

According to Keen, the manager walked quietly into

the room and said, "Look, we've had a fair amount of the game. All we've got to do now is to sort ourselves out and show how well we can play. People have been 2-0 down before and won. Let's go out and have a go. It's up to you, isn't it?"

Notice how Stock finishes so many of his statements with a question. Keen remarked, "he was leaving the ball in our court and we went out and won 3-2. Thanks to him."

But Stock, in turn praised his skipper for the way he led that second half comeback. "That required character and the players had it. It also needed some inspirational leadership" and Mike Keen was just the man for the task," he said.

Impossible

"Rangers had a young side in that 1967 final, including several players under 21. They needed someone to spur them to success. Mike was the man who achieved the impossible."

With Stock and Keen in command, Rangers eventually achieved First Division

status, but it was not long before Stock was on his way to Luton, being succeeded at Loftus Road by Tommy Docherty who lasted 28 days.

But Stock lacked a leader at Luton and he soon managed to renew his partnership with Keen at Kenilworth Road. The club gained promotion before they parted ways in 1972 after three years.

Stock continued his triumphant managerial career by taking Fulham to the 1975 F.A. Cup final against West Ham.

Fair but firm

Keen sums up Stock—"I found him very fair but firm. If you stepped out of line, he would take you aside and speak to you strongly."

"He knows his football but it was before the era of a coach. His greatest strength was judging a player and knowing how to get the best out of him. He treated people right and I'm sure I learned something from that."

Stock sums up Keen in his succinct style—"He was a fine fellow, a splendid captain and a great leader."



Mike Keen's greatest moment, raising victory Football League Cup aloft after the 3-2 over West Bromwich Albion.



A.F.C. Bournemouth, with coach Dave Webb, who will be attempting to exact revenge at Loakes Park.

Cherries need a big cup boost

Bournemouth profile

Like Stock, the new Bournemouth coach knew nothing about life in the Fourth Division. But Webb has known Cup-winning glory, too. In the FA Cup Final replay against Leeds he scored Chelsea's winning goal.

It is hardly surprising that the achievements of these Bournemouth officials rather overshadow those of their players. Many of the present squad are relatively inexperienced. Latest recruit from non-league ranks is big centre-half Paul Compton, signed for £10,000 from Southern League club Truro.

Webb, who has been bothered by a back injury, stood down from the side after Compton's arrival. But the newcomer is cupped and this will mean a change, perhaps with Webb returning. Trevor Morgan was signed from Leytonstone and Ilford in September in an effort to add to Bournemouth's attacking strength.

Despite the current success of Steve Massey, there has been a dire shortage of goals. In their first 20 league matches Bournemouth's total was a mere 16.

Defensively Bournemouth have done well, with just the occasional lapse, like the 4-0 defeat at York on the first day of the Fourth Division season and, more recently, a 3-0 crash at Bury. Kenny Allen, their tall keeper, has attracted other clubs—including West Ham—but Bournemouth's brightest prospect, probably 19-year-old Phil Fero, has filled the left-back berth at first, but has recently switched to midfield. First Division clubs have been watching his progress.

Injuries

Billy Elliott, Martin McGrath and Nigel Sprackman, all young midfield players, have been given their initial experience of Football League action with the Cherries this season.

But injuries have upset the squad. Club captain Phil Holder, still hobbled by a pelvic injury which seemed likely to keep him out for the entire season, has just returned to Crystal Palace, his former club, on the coaching side.

Striker Neil Presser, the former Harlow Town goalgetter, has been restricted to just one first team appearance because of a knee injury.

And Neil Townsend, central defender, is another long-term injury victim, with Achilles tendon trouble.

These have been blows to Bournemouth, whose progress in the Fourth Division this season has been disappointing.

But those old Cup campaigners Alec Stock and David Webb will be looking for a boost in the knock-out competition.

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